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SUBJECT: VIEW FROM ZIMBABWE ON DROC ISSUES DISCUSSED IN  
MAPUTO

CLASSIFIED BY AMB. TOM MCDONALD. REASONS: 1.5 (B) AND  
(D).

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1. (C) AMBASSADOR MCDONALD SPOKE TO FORMER INDUSTRY AND  
COMMERCE MINISTER NATHAN SHAMUYARIRA ABOUT PRESIDENT  
MUGABE'S CONGOLESE DISCUSSIONS WITH REGIONAL LEADERS IN  
MAPUTO AUGUST 20-23. SHAMUYARIRA, WHO EARLIER IN HIS  
CAREER WAS FOREIGN MINISTER AND IS STILL IN CLOSE  
COUNSEL WITH MUGABE, PROVIDED A BRIEF READOUT OF  
MUGABE'S ONE-ON-ONE MEETING (WITH NO NOTETAKERS) WITH  
UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AND OTHERS. SHAMUYARIRA, WHO  
ACCOMPANIED THE PRESIDENT TO MAPUTO BUT WAS NOT PRESENT  
AT ANY OF THE RELEVANT MEETINGS, CONVEYED MUGABE'S VIEW  
THAT PRESIDENT KABILA IS NOW BEING MORE FLEXIBLE AND  
WILL HELP GET THE LUSAKA ACCORDS BACK ON TRACK.  
APPARENTLY, KABILA WILL PERMIT THE MONUC DEPLOYMENT IN  
CONGOLESE TERRITORY AS THE FIRST CONCRETE STEP IN  
REVIVING THE ACCORDS. ADDITIONALLY, POSITIVE ACTION BY  
RWANDA AND UGANDA COULD BRING REBEL OFFENSIVES TO AN  
END. SHAMUYARIRA FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE ROLE OF  
MASIRE AS FACILITATOR IS STILL A POINT OF CONTENTION, SO  
OTHER LEADERS WERE BEING CONSIDERED, INCLUDING NELSON  
MANDELA. HE THOUGHT THAT KABILA WAS OPEN TO MANDELA  
ASSUMING THE FACILITATOR ROLE AND THAT THE FORMER  
PRESIDENT WAS ALSO INTERESTED.

2. (C) COMMENT: SHAMUYARIRA'S BELIEF (AND PRESUMABLY  
MUGABE'S) THAT KABILA WILL TAKE THESE NECESSARY STEPS TO  
REVIVE LUSAKA IS SOMEWHAT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC AT THIS  
POINT. GIVEN KABILA'S OPEN AND WELL KNOWN DISLIKE OF  
MANDELA, IT IS HARD FOR US TO THINK THAT THIS IS A REAL  
POSSIBILITY. HOWEVER, MUGABE'S CONTINUING STRONG FOCUS  
ON SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DROC WAR

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UNDERScores HIS DESIRE TO WITHDRAW THE TROOP DEPLOYMENT  
THAT HIS COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD.

3. (C) COMMENT CONTINUED: PROCEDURALLY, IT IS  
INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT NO ONE FROM THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY WAS INVOLVED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS IN MAPUTO AND  
NO ONE AT MFA KNEW ANYTHING OF SUBSTANCE ABOUT THEM WHEN  
WE INQUIRED TODAY. IT SOUNDS LIKE SHAMUYARIRA WILL BE  
PLAYING THE ROLE OF SPECIAL ADVISOR ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT  
FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. THE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER MAY  
NOW FUNCTION LIKE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT EMMERSON  
MNANGAGWA ON SUCH WEIGHTY MATTERS. HE TOLD THE  
AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS ACCOMPANYING MUGABE ON HIS TRIP TO  
LIBYA, WHICH BEGINS ON AUGUST 27 OR 28. SHAMUYARIRA  
AGREED TO GIVE THE AMBASSADOR A READOUT ON THESE ISSUES  
WHEN HE RETURNS FROM TRIPOLI LATER NEXT WEEK.

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